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ReservationCare Hurts American Indians

The Indian Health Service provides government health care, and it’s hurting patients. Congresswoman Kristi Noem wrote: “It’s hard to believe that today there are medical facilities in South Dakota where staff are washing surgical instruments by hand because the sterilization machine has been broken for six months -- … where a pregnant young woman was left to give birth unattended on the floor of the hospital bathroom.”

She was talking about the Indian Health Service funded by federal dollars, which she says spends too much money on administration and not enough on care. But isn’t that the problem with all government health care programs? American Indians need health freedom that doesn’t expose them to shoddy care or trap them on the reservation.

“Standards must be raised, reform needed.” Congresswoman Kristi Noem (R-SD), Argus Leader, February 8, 2016.